



COST COMPARISON: Traditional Filing Methods vs. eFiling

COST CENTER	LG/MED FIRM COST		SMALL FIRM COST		eFILING FIRM COST	
RESOURCE						
Attorney ¹	5 minutes	\$20.85	5 minutes	\$ 20.85	3 minutes	\$ 12.50
Legal assistant ²	54 minutes	\$ 85.50	57 minutes	\$ 90.25	17 minutes	\$ 26.92
Accounting ³	15 minutes	\$ 25.00	NA		NA	
In-house runner ⁴	35 minutes	\$ 8.75	NA		NA	
TOTAL PERSONNEL	109 minutes	\$ 140.10	62 minutes	\$ 111.10	20 minutes	\$39.42
OFFICE OVERHEAD⁵						
Paper (10 pages)		\$.50		\$.50		\$ 5.00 ⁷
Copying		\$ 5.00		\$ 5.00		NA
Courier fees		NA		\$ 20.00		NA
Parking		\$ 5.00		NA		NA
Mileage ⁶		\$ 10.00		NA		NA
TexasOnline		NA		NA		\$ 4.00
County		NA		NA		\$ 2.00
EFSP		NA		NA		\$ 10.00
Total Overhead		\$ 20.50		\$25.50		\$21.00
TOTAL COSTS		\$ 160.60		\$ 136.60		\$60.42

Note: To determine the cost per resource, average salaries for the attorney, legal assistant and other personnel were pulled from PricewaterhouseCoopers' 2009 Billing Rate and Associate Salary Survey (BRASS).

¹ Assumes \$250 hourly bill rate for an Attorney

² Assumes \$95 hourly bill rate for Legal Assistant

³ Assumes \$100 hourly bill rate for Accounting Personnel

⁴ Assumes \$15 hourly bill rate for In-House Runner

⁵ Office overhead costs are direct costs associated with the preparation, delivery, and/or filing of court documents

⁶ 20 miles round trip travel from the law office to the courthouse @ \$.50 per mile

⁷ Since a citation is requested from the clerk, the firm will pay the Clerk a copy fee for printing the citation and placing it in the process server's box